

Savannah Historic District
Whitfield Building (Union Society Building)
121-125 Whitaker Street
Savannah
Chatham County
Georgia

HABS No. GA-1203 A

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE GEORGIA	COUNTY CHATHAM	TOWN OR VICINITY SAVANNAH
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) WHITFIELD BUILDING		HABS NO. GA-1203- A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE UNION SOCIETY BUILDING		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 121-125 Whitaker Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1889	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William Gibbons Preston	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Located in the Savannah Landmark Historic District.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with terracotta details		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Three stories plus basement on rectangular plan		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) All floors have an open plan with a central hallway. The floor is oak strip, the doors are panelled wood with some decorative surround.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE VACANT in 1979		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Built for the Union Society and later sold to the American Legion. Now owned by General Services Administration. From 1956-1961, the Carl Moss Restaurant occupied the first floor. The architect, Wm. Gibbons Preston, also designed the Cotton Exchange on River Street (GA-1194) and the Old County Courthouse on Wright Square.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Savannah Landmark Historic District, National Register Nomination. Savannah Morning News, March 22, 1888, p.8, Column 2. Sanborn Map of 1888.		
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